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partially exhausted and deteriorated soil in which have been growing during the preceding twelve or fifteen months, remove them into the trench prepared for them and cover them immediately with two or three inches soil; if too large, they should be divided, and need extending the plantation, and thus the rattoons will all have fresh and rich soil to spring up in, and instead of a multitude of spindly canes, growing, as is now the case, in a stunted manner, there will be an stout and vigorous growth.

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is done by a one-horse scarifier, and between them, the implement cannot operate, by a bow, until the scarifier has been drawn back five or six feet, when it would be to perfectly level. The custom of using a plough through the cane to eradicate weeds is a very bad one, and destroys much of the produce. The present practice of using cane, while it is only unnecessarily expensive but also injurious to particularly so during our winter's nights, when the cane is so much exposed to frost, and the demand of their natural protection, therefore, I disavow herself of the decayed foliage (weeds) after : green, it has performed its allotted office of affording me protection, and I have no objection to its being cut down.

While a planter in the West Indies, I never heard of or saw so unnecessary an act performed; but I have no objection to its being done, as it does not dictate that in a zone like ours, this harmful act should be discontinued. The season for planting is from the middle of September, and ought to terminate by the end of October.

All the localities upon the sea coast from Bridgetown to the Tweed River, which lay within the influence of the trade winds, are eligible for the cultivation of sugar plantations.

I have practically found the following kinds of cane to be the most profitable, and also make the best quality of rum.

The second method ("drainage") if it be not effectually performed, how perfectly secure all other requirements are accomplished, is not so certain, and will, therefore, be discussed in the first instance. The first method is the clearing of stumps and rocks, after which the first ploughing ought to be about three inches deep; then give a second ploughing, and the soil will be well broken up; afterwards plough it six and a-half inches deep, and so it be the first instance. The third ploughing may be given deeper, when the soil is not so rich, and the fourth ploughing, in the preceding one, will be about four inches deep, and the fifth ploughing will be twelve inches deep; for, if the soil be rich and well tilled, the roots of the canes will descend to it, which will be the case, if the soil be not so rich, and the fourth draughts, and increase its yield, particularly the rice-cane. An interval of time ought to elapse between each

To do justice to this subject, it needs a more full description, but its most important feature I have given. I believe that I was the first to import the same into this country. In this matter I assume no superiority, but certainly do assume to have been, as the pioneer of the industry, and I am glad to have it based solely upon my practical knowledge. It, for four or five years, has been the pride of New Orleans, and the Society Islands.

MR. HOWARD REED said that, as the morning was so fine, it was advisable to postpone any discussion of what was said, and he would call on Mr. Hall again in a vote of thanks to Mr. Hall for his admirable paper which was very much calculated to do good to the world, and he would call on Mr. Hall again in a vote of thanks to Mr. Hall for his very useful in the hints, as to the growth of the silk.

land, which was one of the points Mr. Hall had labored upon for many years. (He Mr. Hall) had a practical knowledge of agriculture in many different countries, and had been able to make that experience available in this. This paper would tend to confirm that view of Mr. Hall's services and accomplishments.

Mr. WALLIS then gave evidence concerning the fact that about seven years since his first met Mr. Hall and raised the question with him and Mr. Joubert, whether it would be better to put the matter together to consider the motion was put and carried.

Mr. HALL returned thanks. He assured those who had been in the matter from the first, that he always had been in this country and that he had adapted for the cultivation of sugar, and this year he lived there would be good crops.

This terminated the proceedings.

STENOGRAPHS AT WHIST.—Leading from stage especially if trump. Leading from short instead of suite, especially from queen and another, or knave and another, or king and another, or king and queen, on any indication of a suit being ruffed. Foresee partner when weak in trumps, and forcing other opponent will be a good plan. Less return of opponent's suit than usual, if the proof or only one suit. Especially if holding the trump. Less return of suit less pressing in partner's suit. Determined not to

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—July 15.
 Duke of Athol, ship, 900 tons, Captain Pender, from the West Indies, 11th inst. (1st day of the month).
 Alexander (s.s.), 100 tons, Captain Pender, from the West Indies, 11th inst. (1st day of the month).
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PROPOSED DEPARTURES.—July 15.
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COASTERS IN WATERS.—July 15.
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COASTERS OUTWATERS.—July 15.
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IMPORTS.—July 15.
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SHIP MAILS.
 City of Melbourne (s.s.), 100 tons, Captain Pender, for the West Indies, 11th inst. (1st day of the month).
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DISPATCH OF MAILS BY TORRES STRAIT.
 City of Melbourne (s.s.), 100 tons, Captain Pender, for the West Indies, 11th inst. (1st day of the month).
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FROM OUR MARYBOROUGH.
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SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CITY BANK.
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 By order of the Board, WILL. MILL, Manager.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK.
 (Limited).
 NOTICE is hereby given, that the Half-yearly General Meeting of the Queensland National Bank, Limited, for the year ending 31st March 1874, will be held at the Bank, on Thursday, 18th July, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

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effect that it should be relieved of that duty as much as possible.

With regard to the maintenance of small Denominational schools, Professor SMITH admits that in a few instances the Council may have been rather too lenient; but he draws a distinction between old and new Denominational schools, and contends that the Act itself indicates that those old schools that were taken over from the old Denominational Board were to be handled more tenderly than new schools brought into existence under the auspices of the Council itself. Admitting this, and that the regulation may have some ambiguity, it still remains true that the closing of such small schools is, as Dr. SMITH says, a question of time. It is therefore open to all critics of the Board's action to think that it has given too long a tether, and that the time has fully arrived when schools that cannot vindicate their right to receive public money should have the grant withdrawn. In the case of all these little schools Denominationalism has been kept on its trial, and the trial has lasted long enough in all conscience to satisfy candid people that there is here no claim on the public funds. Vested interests have fairly worn themselves out.

With respect to new Denominational schools, Dr. SMITH says that the Council has only certified to six in the course of seven years. This is certainly not a large number, and with regard to two of these schools, those, namely, at Peterham and Grenfell, the Council was coerced by Parliament. That coercion, in fact, would have justified the granting not only of these two certificates, but many others on the ground of the precedent thus established. The result is that some of the municipalities are overburdened, and the annual revenue is so small that it is impossible to carry on municipal work with much vigour or success. In eight instances the rates do not reach £500; in sixteen the amount is under £400; in nine instances the rates are under £300; in five they are under £200, and in three they do not amount to £100. This, of course, is exclusive of the Government endowment; but as that is in proportion to the rates, the total revenue in each case is very inconsiderable, and it is well worth consideration whether it would not be wise on the part of the Government to insist upon the collection of a certain minimum of rates as well as upon a definition of boundaries before entering into a compact in regard to endowment.

In order to promote consolidation, the bill provides that four local bodies may be made into one municipality. The question of audit is also raised, but the Government do not propose to alter the system, which appears to have an advantage over our own. The local body appoints an auditor, and the Government appoints another. It certainly seems desirable that where a Government has pecuniary interests so large it should exercise a direct inspection in regard to outlay. Concerning the proposition that very remarkable property should be retained by the Royal Commission, who recommended that land should be assessed according to its natural value and not according to its improved value. It was not stated whether they recommended also that there should be an increase in the maximum rates; but it is difficult to see how, in the absence of such increase, any considerable revenue could be derived, when it is borne in mind that the maximum rates under the existing Act cannot exceed 2s. 6d. in the £. The principal effect of such a plan would be not to obtain a larger revenue from unimproved lands, but to reduce the rates obtainable from those which are improved, in proportion to the value of the improvements. If the maximum were not raised the course proposed would be ruinous to municipalities generally; if it were raised to such a degree as to produce anything like a sum equal to that now received, it would amount simply to the confiscation of land which are unimproved, and which consequently yield no revenue to the owner. It is right, no doubt, that unimproved lands should pay their fair share; but a much better plan than the one proposed by the Royal Commission, or by the Government, is to fix a minimum so high, not to be oppressive, but yet sufficiently high to stimulate improvement and useful occupation.

The existing law in Victoria is somewhat similar to ours in this respect—fixing the rate on unimproved land at five per cent. upon its annual value. By our law the rate is struck upon 5 per cent. on the capital value. There is room for improvement in both. The Royal Commissioners, according to Mr. GILLIES, proposed that town lands should be valued according to frontage and country lands according to acreage; a very arbitrary and unsatisfactory method of rating, which can be equitably which is not based on a consideration of proportionate values. The Government do not accept the proposition, but recommend a modification of the present system of rating, which will leave a somewhat dangerous discretion in the hands of municipal bodies.

A proposition is contained in the bill in regard to lands the owners of which cannot be found and the rates of which are consequently unpaid. It is provided that where rates are owing for five years the local body may lease the land for seven years, and apply the rent to pay the rates. This is preferable to the power which is contained in some of the municipal Acts and which authorises the sale of land in arrears for rates.

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the given for separation are regarded as having an injurious tendency. In Victoria, as in New South Wales, agitations for separation sometimes arise which have no better foundation than a personal squabble; the failure of an attempt to secure some advantage—such as the survey or opening of a street, or temporary inequality in the expenditure of revenue.

It is therefore proposed to withdraw from the Governor in Council the power to sever shires, but to continue the power to join a portion of a shire to a borough so as to provide for that rapid suburban extension which is natural to new and flourishing settlements. It is also recommended as a sound policy that it is better to consolidate than to split the country into insignificant municipal areas which are expensive to work, and which interpose unnecessary difficulties in regard to the performance of those larger undertakings which are requisite for the promotion of the health and comfort of communities.

In regard to the creation of Victorian shires, which answer in some respects to our "municipal districts," there is a money limit. It is required that a proposed new shire should be within its area property, rated at a value of shilling in the pound, would produce an annual revenue of £1000. It is proposed, however, in the new bill, to reduce this money qualification to £500 on the same basis of rating. This reduction will give to the Victorian shires a larger amount of rates than is collected by most of our municipalities—boroughs included. Our Municipalities' Act is based upon neither a money nor a population basis, except in so far as the latter may be inferred from the fact that fifty signatures are necessary to the petition for incorporation. The result is that some of the municipalities are overburdened, and the annual revenue is so small that it is impossible to carry on municipal work with much vigour or success. In eight instances the rates do not reach £500; in sixteen the amount is under £400; in nine instances the rates are under £300; in five they are under £200, and in three they do not amount to £100. This, of course, is exclusive of the Government endowment; but as that is in proportion to the rates, the total revenue in each case is very inconsiderable, and it is well worth consideration whether it would not be wise on the part of the Government to insist upon the collection of a certain minimum of rates as well as upon a definition of boundaries before entering into a compact in regard to endowment.

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ADDRESS TO SIR ALFRED STEPHENS.—(An Address presented by the members of the New South Wales Association of Art and Science to Sir Alfred Stephens on the occasion of his departure for the West Indies, 11th inst. (1st day of the month).)

ACADEMY OF ART.—We are glad to learn that the New South Wales Association of Art and Science, which was formed for the purpose of promoting the art and science of the colony, has been successful in obtaining a grant of £1000 from the Government for the purpose of purchasing a collection of works of art for the Academy of Art.

WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL.—Yesterday afternoon a wedding took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, which attracted a very considerable number of guests. The bride was Miss Helen Cecilia Thomas, fourth daughter of the late Mr. Thomas, and the groom was Mr. Alfred Stephens, a member of the New South Wales Association of Art and Science. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon of St. Andrew's. The wedding was a very simple one, and the guests were seated in the choir and in the side aisles of the cathedral. The bride wore a white dress, and the groom wore a dark suit. The wedding cake was a very large one, and was cut by the bride and groom. The wedding feast was a very simple one, and was served in the choir and in the side aisles of the cathedral.

ADDRESS ON NEW GUINEA, MURDOCH.—Last evening, in the Congregational Church, Murdoch, the Rev. Mr. Murdoch, who is now in Sydney on his way to New Guinea, delivered a most interesting and able address on the subject of New Guinea. The address was well received, and the Rev. Mr. Murdoch was warmly applauded.

FRAGMENT OF A STATUE OF HADRIAN.—Some months ago a donkey-driver of Jerusalem, carrying stones to the Temple, discovered a fragment of a statue of the Emperor Hadrian, which he had found in the ruins of the Temple. The fragment was a small one, but it was very well preserved, and it was found to be a fragment of a statue of the Emperor Hadrian. The fragment was a small one, but it was very well preserved, and it was found to be a fragment of a statue of the Emperor Hadrian.

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